MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mississippi Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Mars' Hill Baptist Church,

Amite County, Mississippi,

October 12th, 13th and 15th, 1883.

Officers:

ELD. W. W. BOLLS.....MODERATOR.
ELD. L. S. PIKER.....CLERK.
W. Z. LEA.....TREASURER.

Executive Board:

G. W. WEBB, THOS. WEBB, W. Z. LEA,
R. J. LEA, R. J. CAUSEY.

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Friday October 12, 1883,

THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met this day in its Seventy-seventh Session with the Mars' Hill Baptist church, Amite county, Mississippi.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Thomas Landsell from Jno. 14:15.

EVENING SESSION.

After an intermission for dinner the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder W. W. Bolls, who closed a few remarks by leading the meeting in prayer.

L. S. Piker was elected Clerk *pro tem.*

Brethren G. B. Rogers and W. H. Tucker were appointed reading clerks.

The roll of churches called, and the following responded through the below-named delegates.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

East Fork—W. H. Tucker, H. G. Quinn, James E. Bates, Andrew Bates.

Ebenezer—Thomas Landsell, W. B. Kinabrew, P. P. McCoy, R. D. J. Smith.

Fort Adams—N. A. James.

Galilee—T. H. Hoff, S. S. Faust.

Hopewell—D. D. Rollins.

Liberty—W. Z. Lee, I. G. Lee, Thomas Webb.

Mars' Hill—D. R. Lumkins, S. J. Hodges.

Mt. Zion—H. S. Anderson, J. P. Jones, T. R. Godbold, W. R. Cain.

New Providence—W. I. Causey, H. R. Causey.

New Salem—J. M. Ballard, W. G. Byrd.

Percy's Creek—V. Row, Geo. S. Morris.

Providence—T. P. Stewart, W. J. Young.

Ramah—Z. Lofton, C. W. Nettles.

Sarepta—Wm. Enfinger, W. E. Delaney.

Summit—L. O. Weathersby.

Union, Franklin co.—E. B. Seale, J. A. Ikerd.

Zion Hill—W. W. Bolls, Micajah Jones, Samuel O'Neal.

Woodville—S. C. Fugler.

Siloam—Thomas Dredin, S. H. Thompson.

McComb City—C. S. Fredericks.

Dry Fork Union—Walter Shropshier.

New Zion—J. H. Nunnery, W. O. Hughey.

REORGANIZATION.

Brethren Rogers and Tucker were appointed tellers, and reported the following named brethren as officers of the Association for the ensuing year:

W. W. Bolls, Moderator; L. S. Piker, Clerk; W. Z. Lee, Treasurer.

The following order of business was adopted:

1. Reading letters from the churches and enrollment of delegates.

2. Election of officers for the ensuing year.
3. Roll call.
4. Appointment of usual and necessary committees.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Report of committees.
8. New business.
9. Appointment of messengers to corresponding bodies.
10. Selection of next place of meeting.
11. Reading and adoption of minutes of present meeting.
12. Adjournment.

Following committees were appointed:

Religious Exercises—Deacons of Mar's Hill church.

Finance—James Bates, Samuel O'Neal, Jno. P. Jones.

Nominations—E. B. Seale, Henry Quinn, H. R. Causey.

Obituaries—W. H. Tucker, T. R. Godbold, S. Faust.

Home Missions—L. O. Waathersby, T. H. Hoff, S. C. Fulger; L. S. Piker to assist.

Ministerial Education—Andrew Bates, W. B. Kinabrew, W. Z. Lee; A. C. Crain to assist.

Sabbath-schools—Thomas Landsell, D. R. Lumkin, C. F. Fredericks: Peter Turner to assist.

Publications—V. Row, S. H. Thompson, Wm. Causey; Joseph Buckles to assist.

Systematic Benevolence—Geo. Morris, D. D. Rollins, M. Jones.

Temperance—W. H. Tucker, S. Thompson, G. B. Rogers, Wm. Bailey.

Abstracts—T. P. Stewart, J. G. Lee, Wm. Cain.

Foreign Missions—Henry Quinn, W. B. Kinabrew, H. J. Bates.

State Missions—J. B. Gambrell, Thomas Lansdell, W. H. Tucker.

General Education—G. B. Rogers, Peter Turner, J. B. Gambrell, A. C. Crain.

On motion, State Missions was made the special order of the day for to-morrow, 10½ a. m.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow 9 a. m.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

October 13. 1883.

Association met 9:30 a. m.

Prayer by Bro. J. R. Sample.

PETITIONARY LETTERS CALLED FOR.

A letter from New Zion read, right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator, and the delegates granted seats upon the floor.

CORRESPONDENCE CALLED FOR.

The following were received:

Mississippi River Association—L. S. Piker, A. G. Felder.

Homochitto Association, (col.)—A. Sleeper, S. D. Jackson.

A letter from Dry Fork Union was presented, read, received and delegates seated.

State Mission Board—J. B. Gambrell.

Mississippi College—G. B. Rogers.

Fair River Association—W. H. Bailey.

Union Association—Joseph Buckles.

Gulf Coast Association—A. C. Crain.

A communication was read from C. H. Otken; also a communication from the Natchez church.

Bogue Chitto—J. H. Huckabee, B. Crawford.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES,

Report of committee on Publication of Minutes read and referred to a committee.

Committee—Zach Lofton, Henry Anderson, L. O. Weathersby, J. R. Sample.

Report of committee on State Missions read, discussed and adopted. Appendix A.

Pending the adoption of the report the churches made the following try pledges:

New Providence	$ 25 00
Dry Fork, Union co	25 00
Ebenezer	84 50
Fort Adams	29 00
Hopewell	79 50
Mars' Hill	72 00
Mt. Zion	100 00
New Salem	14 00
Percy's Creek	23 00
Providence	17 50
Ramah	72 50
Union, Franklin co	72 00
Summit	50 00
Zion Hill	89 50
Woodville	100 00
Siloam	26 00
	$881 00

EVENING SESSION.

After an intermission for dinner the Association came to order and was led in prayer by W. H. Tucker.

On motion, a brother and sister of each church within the Association be appointed to look after the interest of State Missions.

The following were appointed:

Fast Fork—Bro. James Bates. Sister Lizzie Thompson.
Ebenezer—Bro. R. D. J. Smith, Sister Nina Chance.
Fort Adams—Bro. N. A. James, Sister Jane Babers.
Galilee—Bro. T. H. Hoff, Sister Lou Bradley.
Hopewell—Bro. S. S. Montgomery, Sister Mary Dodds.
Liberty—W. Z. Lea, Sister Susan Webb.
Hopewell—Bro. M. Jackson, Sister C. H. Causey.
Mars' Hill—Bro. Shelley Turner, Sister Mary Burris.

Mt. Zion—Bro. J. P. Jones, Sister Janey Scott.

Summit—Bro. A. A. Boyd, Sister Ida B. Mathews.

Union, Franklin co.—Bro. J. D. Hunt, Sister Susan Woodger.

Zion Hill—Bro. Wm. MckDunn, Sister Frances McKDunn.

Woodville—Bro. Andrew Fugler, Sister Ellen Gibson.

Siloam—Bro. Stephen McManns, Sister Ida Thornton.

McComb City—Bro. W. T. Tyler, Sister Gatlin.

New Zion—Bro. Zach Nunnery, Sister Elizabeth McGehee.

Report on Foreign Missions read, discussed and recommitted with instructions.

Report on Sunday-schools read and adopted. Appendix B.

Treasurer's report adopted. Appendix C.

Report of committee on Publication of Minutes in book form read and adopted. Appendix D.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported the following:

Sunday-school Mass-meeting at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, conducted by Bro. Joseph Buckles.

Preaching at 11 a. m., by Bro. J. B. Gambrell.

Preaching in the afternoon by L. S. Piker.

Report on Foreign Missions adopted. Appendix E.

On motion, the brethren and sisters appointed to try and raise 50 cents per member for State Mission were asked to try and raise 25cts per member for Foreign Mission.

Report on Temperance read, discussed, and action thereon deferred until Monday.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Monday, October 15, 1883.

Association called to order according to adjournment.

Prayer by Bro. Lofton.

Letter from Union, Amite county read, and delegates received.

Minutes read.

Report on Temperance taken up, discussed and recommitted with instructions.

Report on Home Missions read.

The Association agreed to raise 10 cents per member for Home Mission Board.

Report adopted. Appendix F.

Report on Nominations read and adopted. Appendix G.

Report on Temperance read and adopted. Appendix H.

Report on General Education adopted. Appendix I.

Report on Ministerial Education adopted. Appendix J.

Adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Association came to order, and was led in prayer by Bro. Stewart.

Report on Finance adopted. Appendix K.

Report on Abstracts adopted. Appendix L.

Report of the Executive Board adopted. Appendix M.

Report on Obituaries adopted. Appendix N.

Report on Publications adopted. Appendix O.

Report on Systematic Benevolence adopted. Appendix P.

NEW BUSINESS.

Following resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That we the delegates of the Mississippi Association call upon all Christian, temperance men and lovers of peace and order to meet in Liberty, Thursday, the 1st of November, 1883, to take measures to suppress the sale of spirituous liquors in Amite county.

Resolved, That the Executive Board be instructed to supply to each church, blank forms for church letters to the Association, in order to secure uniformity, and expedite business.

The following was adopted:

In view of the great necessity of Baptists occupying the line of Mississippi Valley R. R., as missionary ground,

By W. Z. Lea:

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the State Mission Board the appointment of Bro. Peter Turner as missionary to occupy this field as soon as practicable.

By L. O. Weathersby.

Resolved, That the thanks of the delegates and visitors of this Association be tendered to the members of this church and citizens of this community for the generous hospitality with which we have been entertained.

On motion, a copy of the minutes of this Association were decided to be the credentials of the appointees of this body to corresponding bodies.

APPOINTMENT OF MESSENGERS TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Fair River Association—Z. Lofton, S. J. Hodges, Thomas Chisholm.

Union Association—S. C. Fulger, W. W. Bolls.

Bogue Chitto—W. Z. Lea, James Bates, A. S. Turner, H. G. Quinn, L. O. Weathersby.

Mississippi River Association—W. H. Tucker, Thomas Lansdell, Andrew Bates, S. H. Thompson, W. B. Kinabrew, Wm. Causey, P. P. McCoy, R. D. J. Smith, T. A. Hoff, W. Z. Lea.

East Louisiana—J. A. White, Sr., Milton Chance.

Homochitto, (col)—E. B. Seale, J. H. Ikerd, W. S. B. Claughton, S. S. Montgomery, T. J. Scott, Dr. Dodds, T. R. Godbold, T. P. Stewart.

State Convention—Jno. F. Porter, L. O. Weathersby, M. M. Whitney, G. B. Rogers, A. S. Turner, S. S. Faust, P. P. McCoy, B. R. Lumpkin, J. P. Jones, H. S. Anderson, S. H. Thompson, A. J. Bates, James Bates, W. B. Kinabrew, W. R. Cain, J. A. Ikerd.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to superintend the printing of 700 copies of minutes, and be allowed $25 for the work.

On motion, a blank form of church letter was ordered published in this minute.

Adjourned to meet with the New Providence church, on Friday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1884.

W. W. BOLLS, Moderator.

L. S. PIKER, Clerk.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Ten years ago this enterprise was set on foot by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. At that time very little was doing in our territory to spread the gospel at home or abroad. The old methods by which our fathers wrought effectually in planting churches had spent their force and had perished with their using. The missionary spirit was rapidly dying out of the churches. Over a great part of the State the work of planting churches was done, over other portions was appalling spiritural destitution. The Convention, after much prayer determined to make an effort to enlist the sympathies and practical co-operation of the great brotherhood of the State in an effort to preach the gospel to every destitute city, town and county place throughout all our borders. The effort has been made, and beyond the fondest hopes of the warmest advocates of the enterprise the hearts of God's people have responded. What was an experiment ten years ago, is now a gratifying success. God has set the seal of his favor upon the work. Between 2,000 and 3,000 people have been baptized. Near 4,000 have been gathered into the churches. A great army of the soldiers of Jesus have united their prayers and efforts to evangelize our entire territory. The standard of Christly giving has been greatly elevated, and a fresh current of holy activity runs through our churches. Thus far our God has signally owned and blessed the work of our hands in this direction. The past is full of encouragement.

But we may not linger on the fields of past conquest. The very success won by the divine favor in the past, lays us under yet greater obligation to press the battle to a complete success. We are brought to a most solemn crisis in the moral and religious development of this State. Mighty forces are at work to transform our entire social system, agriculturally, commer-

cially and religiously. The dawn of a new day of prosperity is upon us. Great railroad lines are sending streams of new life through our territory. Oneof these roads traverses this Association. New towns will spring up and these must have the gospel and churches.

Woodville, so recently blessed, must be helped on to the self-sustaining point. Natchez must not be neglected. Truly in the language of your Moderator, "This Association has much to do."

The State Board asks for $15,000 this year. Less will not meet the necessities laid upon us. Shall it be, that withso much of the divine favor in the past, and so many open doors before us, will we turn back or stand still? No, let it never be true of us that we failed when most needed and most encouraged.

Your committee recommend that this Association make an earnest effort to raise, during the year, not less than 50 cents per member for State Missions. We believe the poorest can easily give this, and will freely do it, if properly appealed to, while those more able should give $1.00, $5.00, $15.00, and on up according to their several ability.

Your committee recommend that the State Board be asked to look upon this field and render all possible help in supplying the destitute with the bread of life.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GAMBRELL,
W. H. TUCKER,
THOS. LANSDELL,
Committee.

APPENDIX B.

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday-schools beg leave to report:

That, from the reading of the letters from the churches, there appears to be a want of proper interest in the subject of Sunday-schools. One church reports a flourishing Sunday-school, another church that she has three schools, other churches report schools but give no particulars. Other churches report no Sunday-schools.

Your committee believe the subject to be one of vital importance, and that in every church and neighborhood an effort should be made to keep up a flourishing Sunday-school. The Scriptures teach that parents should train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and the Sunday-school is calculated to assist in this good work. We have seen the good moral influence exerted upon the old and young by the Sunday-school.

Your committee feel justified in saying that they know of no other organization calculated to exert so good and powerful an influence in any community as a well organized and conducted Sunday-school.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. LANSDELL,
D. R. LUMPKIN,
Committee.

APPENDIX C.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. Z. Lea, Treasurer,
In account with Mississippi Baptist Association.

DR.

Balance on hand last report, Associational fund	$ 34 43
Received from committee on Finance	87 00
Elder Joseph Buckles	6 00
	$127 43

CR.

Pd. Eld. Spencer for printing minutes of last meeting	$ 75 00
T. J. Walne	42 53
	$117 63
Balance on hand, Associational fund	$ 9 80

State Missions—Received last meeting		$151 60
From the Ebenezer church		12 10
Zion Hill church		42 70
Mt. Zion church		51 90
Liberty church		46 30
East Fork church		34 05
New Providence		55 50
Mars' Hill		11 65
Summit		31 00
McComb City		30 00
Ebenezer		10 00
		$476 80

CR.

Elder T. J. Walne	$112 95
G. W. Leavell	5 00
D. I. Purser	293 10
T. J. Walne, from Ebenezer	12 10
T. J. Walne at State Convention	8 00
Balance due treasurer on last report	13 20
	$444 35
Balance due State Missions	$ 32 45

For'n Miss'ns—Balance on hand last report	$ 27 17
Received last Association	18 90
S. E. McDonald	5 00
Dr. J. C. Robert	50 00
His children	1 00
Wm. Samuels and wife	1 50
Miss I. B. Mathews	1 00
Miss Mary Weathersby	3 00
Miss Emma Lea	1 00
Ebenezer church	12 50
Elder W. H. Tucker	13 00
Elder H. Quinn	5 00
East ch, 75c; conributor not known	75
Elder L. S. Piker	10 00
Deacon Faust, Galilee	42 50
	$192 32

CR.

B. H. Whitfield	$ 52 50
Elder H. A. Tupper	58 17
D. I. Purser	3 00
B. H. Whitfield, from Bro. L. O. Weathersby	10 00
	$123 67
Balance on Foreign Missions	$ 68 65

Respectfully submitted,

W. Z. LEA, Treasurer.

APPENDIX D.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

Your committee would recommend that Bro. Otkin be continued as a committee in the work of having our minutes printed; and would recommend (upon his suggestion) that the Association take steps to raise the amount of $500 for the work, or an amonnt in addition to what has already been collected, to make $500, and would recommend that the pastors of churches in the Association call the attention of the churches to the work, and earnestly solicit the brethren to contribute the amount.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. ANDERSON, Chairman.

APPENDIX E.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions would report:

It is the will of God that the gospel be preached to the world. We deem it the duty of the churches of Christ to send the gospel to the heathen, and as all cannot go to foreign lands, it is the duty for all to become fellow helpers in the support of those who do go to prerch to the heathen. It is our duty as

devoted followers of Christ not only to maintain his gospel in our midst, but to exert ourselves and not relax in our efforts until all destitution is supplied. It is proclaimed that God loves the cheerful giver. Therefore, we recommend to the churches to agitate the question of Foreign Missions in order to get an awakened interest of duty as regards Foreign Missions. Also to request their pastors to preach missionary sermons and take up collections for the same, and endeavor to get not less than twenty-five cents from each member.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. QUINN,
A, J. BATES,
W. B. KINNABREW,
Committee.

APPENDIX F.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missians submit the following:

In the opinion of your committee this work is not understood, and therefore not appreciated by our people. This department of our mission work is greatly important. This importance should be known, that the churches might feel the responsibility growing out of the pressure of importance. This field of work comprises all the unoccupied territory within the Southern States. Work among the Indians is the one special object of the Home Mission Board. This Board is appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention, and is located at Atlanta, Ga., and is doing a great and good work among the Chinese in California. This Board is supporting several missionaries, prominent among these is our dear Sister Sandford, from this State, and daughter of Bro. M. P. Lowrey. This Board is also doing good work in the city of New Orleans, also helps support the missionaries in Baton Rouge. Thus largely supplementing the good work undertaken by our State Board, Orleans, of itself, being an immense field, we believe this Association would do well to assist the Home Mission Board in sustaining its work there. We therefore reccommend that your body adopt the same plan already adopted as regards the

collection of funds for State and Foreign Missions and that the sum of ten cents per membership asked for by Bro. Sproles, the State Secretary, be raised.

Respectfully submitted,

L. O. WEATHERSBY,
L. H. HOFF,
S. C. TAYLOR,
L. S. PIKER, to assist.
Committee.

APPENDIX G.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations make the following report:

Executive Board—Geo. F. Webb, Thomas Webb, W. Z. Lea, R. J. Causey and J. D. Lea.

Introductory Sermon—E. W. Spencer.

Alternate—W. H. Tucker.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. QUIN,
E. B. SEALS,
H. R. CAUSEY.
Committee.

APPENDIX H.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The demon of intemperance has done a deadly work in the ruin of men and woman financially, morally, physically, intellectually, spiritually and socially. It corrupts politics, destroys homes, shipwrecks happiness, beggars children, causes crimes, and blasts the hopes of parents. It is an unmitigated evil deserving the condemnation of men and the abhorance of women; and demanding a special upraising of God's people

to put it down as the matchless evil, and the most powerful instrument in the hands of the enemy of our souls. We submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That we call upon our churches to stand fully abreast of the times in the hopeful effort to prohibit the manufacture and sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

2d, That we recommend and urge our churches to get up and circulate in every neighborhood within our borders, petitions to the State Legislature demanding the passage of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, and these petitions be presented to as many people as possible, male and female, black and white, and forwarded to our representatives for immediate actions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. TUCKER,
G. B. ROGERS,
S. H. THOMPSON,
W. H. BAILEY.
Committee.

APPENDIX I.

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

Your commitee on General Education report:

That we believe it to be the duty of our churches to keep peace with the great educational movement of the day. The great spirit of this age seems to be to educate the rising generation. To educate is to develop the dormant powers of the being, the physical, the mental and the moral powers, each of which is important. Without physical development the mental and morel powers would to a considerable extent be impeded, Without mental development the physical and moral powers would be greatly impeded. But the most important of all these powers is the moral or spiritual power. Christian education looks after the development of the heart. If the dormant powers of the soul are not brought forth, life after all, is but a failure, yea, worse than a failure; for the individual who is only educated physically and mentally is only educated to do great harm in the world against the cause of our Savior. His

carnal mind is not subject to the law of God, neither, indeed, can be.

We need to educate our children at schools where attention is given to the development of all the powers of the pupil. If our brethren want only the mental powers of their sons developed, we could recommend our State University at Oxford, Miss. It they desire both physical and mental education we would recommend the A. and M. College, at Starkville, Miss., but if they desire the entire development of their sons, physically, mentally, and morally, we would most heartily recommend Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

As a denominational female school, we take pleasure in mentioning Lea Female College, Summit, Miss. Again we would make special mention, and do hereby heartily indorse Gillsbury Collegiate Institute, Gillsbury, Miss.

We believe our people are waking up to the great importance of educating the young minds. We hail with pleasure the enthusiasm of the day to educate. But let others do as they will, as for us let us not forget christian education. It is refining, enobling and elevating. It lifts the children up out of the sinful contaminating influences of the world; it lifts them up to God and glory.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. ROGERS,
PETER TURNER,
J. B. GAMBRELL.
A. C. CRAIN.
Committee.

APPENDIX J.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

As far as possible, reports are intended to give information, facts and figures within one Associational limit. If there are any young men within our bounds looking to the ministry or engaged in ministerial work, who are in want of information, they should be helped, if needed, to educational advantages. Primarily there must be a call of God to the ministry. "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel" will be the burden

of every man contemplating the ministry. Coming thus duly and truly prepared; having this indispensible qualification from above, he should have the additional auxiliary of mental training.

Schools are established in order to afford opportunities for this training work. Educating is learning to do right thinking. All important then that they who officiate in breaking the bread of life to the perishing should be able to do this. Our own Mississippi College at Clinton, the Seminary at Louisville, and the growing institute at Gillsburg, afford great inducements to young men who may wish to attend school. It is true young men may be educated under disadvantageous circumstances without a collegiate course. All cannot attend college, Such young men dependent mainly upon home tuition and self culture must resort to the study of standard Baptist books, such as Pendleton's Christian Doctrines, Clark's Notes and Harmonies of the Gospel, Hackett's commentary on the Acts, Baptist Short Method, Crumps Baptist History, etc. We are glad to note and state in this report that these books may be had at low prices by addressing A. C. Crain, 150½ Julia Street, New Orleans, La.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. CRAIN, Chairman,
W. B. KINABREW,
A. J. BATES,
A. Z. LEA.

Committee.

APPENDIX K.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance would report as follows:

Rec'd from the churches for Assoc'n'l purposes...	$ 89 55
" for Home Missions.....	32 55
" " Foreign "	16 10
Total.....	$138 20

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. BATES, Chairman.

APPENDIX L.

REPORT ON ABSTRACTS.

Your committee on Abstracts submit the following:

Dry Fork, Union—S. H. Thompson, pastor. Outlook encouraging.

East Fork—W. H. Tucker, pastor. In good condition. Has two Sabbath-schools under the superintendence of H. G. Quin.

Ebenezer—Thos. Lansdell pastor. Reports some addition. Has preaching twice a month.

Fort Adams—E. W. Spencer, pastor. Reports 21 additions. Membership revived.

Gallilee—E. W. Spencer pastor. Has enjoyed two revivals, 24 additions. Sabbath-schools in good working conditions.

Hopewell—W. W. Bolls pastor. Has preaching once a month. No Sabbath-school nor prayer-meeting.

Liberty—W. H. Tucker pastor. Mourns spiritual depression. Feels the need of a revival.

Mars' Hill—W. W. Bolls pastor. Preaching once a month. Reports a cold condition.

Mt. Zion—W. W. Bolls pastor. Mourns spiritual depression.

New Providence—Thomas Lansdell pastor. Reports a revival. Church in good condition.

New Salem—Z. Lofton pastor. In bad condition financially, having lost their house by the cyclone.

Percy's Creek—E. W. Spencer pastor. Reports a revival 14 additions. Spiritual condition greatly revived.

Ramah—Z. Lofton pastor. In good condition. Reports a revival.

Summit—W. H. Tucker pastor. Reports no spiritual progress. Has a good Sunday-school, and preaching once a month.

Union, Franklin county—Without a pastor.

Zion Hill—W. W. Bolls pastor. In good condition. Has preaching once a month, and Sabbath-school twice a month.

Siloam—E. H. Thompson pastor. Church greatly revived.

Woodville—E. W. Spencer pastor. Has enjoyed a revival, 15 additions.

Providence—T. P. Sewart pastor. Church revived. Outlook encouraging.

Sarepta—T. P. Stewart pastor. Reports nothing encouraging.

New Zion—A. G. Felder pastor. Has enjoyed a revival. Twenty-seven additions. Has a Sabbath-school in good working order.

McComb City—Has no regular pastor. Church in a cold condition.

Respectfuily submitted,

T. P. SEWART,
J. G. LEA,
WM. CAIN,
Committee.

APPENDIX M.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Board has seen proper to render assistance to Siloam church in the support of their pastor in the sum of twenty-five dollars, and also to Union, Amite county in the same amount, and we request that the Association instruct the Treasurer to pay these amounts.

We desire to call attention to the important mission fields now opening on the new line of railroad passing through our territory, and which ought ought to be promptly occupied by one or more efficient missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Z. LEA, Chairman.

APPENDIX N.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Death has removed from our churches during the past year quit a number of our members, and we sadly record the following list:

East Fork—Sisters Maria Lea and Mary Ann Wilson.
Ebenezer—Sister Hariet Caston and Bro. Wm. L. Johns.
Dry Fork, Union co—Sister Helena Andrews.
Fort Adams—Three.
Hopewell—One.
Liberty—Bro. Felix Turnipseed.
Little Springs—Four.
Percy's Creek—Sister Eliza A. Peets, Sarah Collier, Mary A. Row and Minerva Wheeler.
Ramah—Sister Rebecca Farrel.
Summit—Deacon Wm. M. McNulty, Bro. Daniel W. Cole and wife.
Sarepta—Three.
Union, Franklin co—Sisters Margaret and Ellen Richardson and Bro. D. J. Dorsey,
Woodville—Bro.'s C. Hughes and R. H. Ryland.
Siloam—Sister Driden.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. TUCKER,
S. FAUST,
T. GODBOLD,
Committee.

APPENDIX O.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on Publications submit the following as their report:

That we heartily endorse the Baptist Record, published at Clinton, Miss., as sound in doctrine and faithful in its efforts to advance the interests and work of the denomination within our Associational bounds, as well as in the States of Mississippi and Louisiana, also as the best means and medium of informing ourselves as to our wants, and of ascertaining the best methods of meeting those wants.

In connection with the Record, we recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, the organ of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Little Missionary, published at Brooksville, Miss. For Sunday-schools we recommend Kind Words and the pub-

lications of the American Baptist Publication Society, at Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. THOMPSON,
W. I. CAUSEY,
JOS. BUCKLES,
Committee.

APPENDIX P.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Your committee on Systematic Benevolence would report:

That we believe it to be the duty of churches to support the gospel. We believe it to be the duty of our pastors to instruct the churches in regard to their duty to sustain all their fostered objects. We do not believe the support of the ministry to be an object of charity, but an honest debt the church owes to her pastor for services rendered. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and if worthy, it is honest that the churches pay their honest debts.

There are various other enterprises that should be helped by our churches. Missions—Foreign, Home and State—education, Christian, ministerial education, sustentation, etc., all of which deserve the help of the churches. Our pastors should feel it their imperative duty to set forth the claims of said enterprises to the churches. We believe it, then, to be the duty of the deacons to not only give every member an opportunity to give to these objects, but to urge them to do their duty in contributing his or her pro rata share of all expenses.

We would suggest the propriety of the churches taking quarterly collections, and that every member have an opportunity to cultivate the grace of giving to the Lord's cause.

We would also suggest the propriety of each church electing a treasurer, whose duty it shall be to make a quarterly report, giving the names and amounts that each member has contributed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. MORRIS,
D. D. ROLLINS,
M. JONES,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

	Churches.	Clerks.	Post Offices	Last year	Baptized	Received by letter	Restored	Experience	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Erasure	Died	This year	Day of meeting	Associational purposes	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Total for Missions	†Ministerial education
1	Dry Fork, Union county	D. N. Cain	Woodville	57	....	2	1	....	....	2	....	1	51	4	$1 50	$	$	$	....
2	East Fork	E. A. Bates	Bates' Mill	222	23	1	2	....	10	....	....	2	230	2	5 00	42 80	18 75	61 60	....
3	Ebenezer	R. D. J. Smith	Olio	169	6	....	2	....	2	1	....	2	172	2 &4	3 00	....	....	33 10	....
4	Fort Adams	D. R. Price	Fort Adams	58	21	....	....	....	1	....	....	3	75	1	3 00	10 00	....	....	....
5	Galilee	F. H. Hoff	Kahnville	126	17	2	5	....	....	....	....	....	146	2	5 00	48 50	92 50	141 00	....
6	Hopewell	S. S. Montgomery	Meadville	52	....	3	....	....	....	....	1	....	54	4	2 45	6 00	6 00	12 00	....
7	*Homer Hill	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
8	Liberty	W. Z. Lea	Liberty	149	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
9	Mars' Hill	J. A. Burris	Summit	142	....	....	1	1	....	2	....	1	140	4	5 00	3 00	5 00	8 00	....
10	Mt. Zion	H. I. Weathersby	Little Springs	200	4	5	2	....	4	....	....	....	138	3	5 00	....	....	....	....
11	Natchez	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	4	....	4	192	2	8 00	....	....	....	....
12	New Hope	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	63 00	63 00	....
13	New Providence	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
14	Percy's Creek	H. R. Causey	Liberty	59	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
15	Pioneer	W. H. Davis	Woodville	46	13	....	4	....	....	2	....	2	61	1	5 00	....	....	....	....
16	Providence	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	59	4	3 00	....	40 00	40 00	....
17	Ramah	W. J. Jones	Meadville	19	2	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
18	Sand Hill	J. R. Terrel	McCall's Creek	145	12	5	1	....	5	12	....	1	28	3	2 25	....	....	....	....
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STATISTICAL TABLE.—CONTINUED.

15 Pioneer		Woodville	46	13	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	59	4	3 00	...	40 00	40 00	...
16 Providence	W. J. Jones	Meadville	19	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	3	2 25	...	...	...	...
17 Ramah	J. R. Terrel	McCall's Creek	145	12	5	1	...	5	12	...	1	145	3	5 00	...	...	...	...
18 Sand Hill																		

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19 Sarepta	H. J. Sanders	Union Church	42	...	...	...	...	8	2	...	3	32	4	$ 6 85	$ ...	$ ...	$ ...	...
20 Spring Hill																		
21 Summit	L. O. Weathersby	Summit	106	...	2	...	...	3	...	...	3	102	3	3 00	35 00	10 00	45 00	...
22 Union, Amite county	J. H. Butler	Kahnville	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	21	...	2 00	...	...	...	...
23 Union, Franklin county	W. S. P. Claughton	Morgan's Fork	144	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	3	138	4	8 00	...	...	...	...
24 Zion Hill	W. J. Jacobs	Zion Hill	179	1	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	180	1 &3	5 00	...	...	42 00	...
25 Woodville	S. C. Fugler	Woodville	9	10	4	...	...	...	...	...	2	21	3	2 00	...	...	...	...
26 Siloam	J. M. Cowart	Little Springs	53	7	3	1	...	...	2	...	1	61	1	4 00	...	...	...	...
27 McComb City	F. I. Lovelady	McComb City	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	87	...	2 00	...	...	...	...
28 †New Zion	J. E. Nunnery	Liberty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29 New Salem	W. G. Byrd	McCall's Creek	28	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	27	4	1 50	50	50	1 00	...
Totals			2025	132	36	20	1	59	30	1	33	2173	...	$87 55	$145 50	$235 75	$446 70	...

For a more complete financial statement of the Association, see Appendix C.

* Not represented.

† No statistics reported.

‡ Nothing reported.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

OF THE

Mississippi Baptist Association.

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I. We believe in one only true living God; and that there are a trinity of persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, are of divine authority, and the only rule of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the fall of Adam; in the imputation of his sins to all his posterity—in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the power of God.

IV. We believe it the everlasting love of God to his people; in the eternal unconditional election of a definite number of the human family to grace and glory.

V. We believe that sinners are only justified, in the sight of God by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto all and upon all them that believe.

VI. We believe all those who were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world are, in time, effectually called, regenerated, converted and sanctified; and are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

VII. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Jesus Christ, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

VIII. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, are evidences of a gracious state, and that it is the duty of all believers to perform them from a principle of love.

IX. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that the visible Church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves up to the Lord, and to one another, and have covenanted to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the gospel,

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the church—the only Law-giver, and the government is with the body—the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are the Gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church.

4. We believe that baptism by immersion is the only Scriptural mode, and that believers are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe it to be the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith,, to submit to baptism by immersion, and to give themselves as members, of the visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every organized church to expel from her communion, all disorderly members who are immoral in their lives, or hold doctrines contrary to Scripture.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches in our Union, shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

3. The delegates thus chosen and convened, shall be denominated the "Mississippi Baptist Association."

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the members present.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Union, they shall petition by letter and delegates. If, on examination, found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association, manifested by the Moderator giving their delegates the the right hand of fellowship.

6. No church in the Union shall have a right to more than two delegates, until she shall exceed one hundred members, then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty.

7. Every query sent to the Association, by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated; and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided, always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflections on a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the Association.

12. No brother shall be suffered to whisper or laugh during the conference; neither shall he absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

13. The Moderator shall have the liberty of speaking on any question that may be debated; provided the chair may be previously filled, and have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided.

14. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may deem expedient.

15. We think it absolutely necessary to have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same; for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may deem proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches, shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the same.

16. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necesseary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

17. These Rules of Decorum and Gospel order may be altered, changed or amended, from time to time, or any part of them, when a majority of all the churches in the Association shall deem it necessary, but the Articles of Faith shall not be subject to any alterations only as respects form.

POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. It shall be the business of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence (when convenient) with those Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in its power, in difficult matters, to inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches, and to remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as associates, but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6. This Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which may be unsound in principle or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any time or place they may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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